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September 29, 2005

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: WM-5

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS  
GRANT FUNDS PROPOSITION 50 CHAPTER 5  
LOS ANGELES RIVER HEADWATERS PHASE 1 PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Adopt the enclosed Resolution which:

1. Authorizes the submittal of a grant proposal to the State of California Resources Agency through the California River Parkways Grant Program for the Los Angeles River Headwaters Phase 1 project located in the City of Los Angeles.
2. Authorizes the Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to conduct business with the State of California Resources Agency on any and all matters related to this grant, including submitting the grant proposal, negotiating and executing the grant Agreement and any amendments, and signing requests for payment and/or reimbursement.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This Resolution will enable the Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to carry out the activities described above, which includes applying for California River Parkways Grant Program funding in an amount not to exceed

\$4,000,000 to assist in the construction of a 1.25-mile-long river parkway project adjacent to the Los Angeles River in the Canoga Park area of the City of Los Angeles. The grant program requires the governing board of a local agency to adopt a resolution certifying approval of the application. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement.

The California River Parkway Grant Program is intended to fund greenway and river restoration projects that incorporate recreation, habitat, flood management, interpretive signage, and public access features.

The project will add native and drought-tolerant landscaping along both sides of the river right of way and includes passive recreational pathways, improved fencing, rest areas, educational and interpretive signage, three at-grade street crossings, several public access points, and a pedestrian bridge over the Browns Creek tributary channel. In the future, the City of Los Angeles also plans to construct a bike path along the south side of the river within the project area. The project, located at the headwaters of the Los Angeles River, is a key component of the multiphase river parkway project identified in the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The total cost of the project, including design and contract administration, is estimated at \$5,750,000, which will be funded through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Fund. Public Works' engineering services for \$264,000 for the design of this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Fund. The remaining \$5,486,000 project cost will be budgeted in the following fiscal year.

If the grant is approved, the State of California Resources Agency will reimburse the Flood Control District Fund an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

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**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The Los Angeles River Headwaters project is identified in the Programmatic Negative Declaration for the Los Angeles River Master Plan adopted in 1996.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

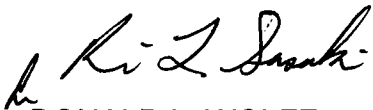
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and a signed Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER  
PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN  
DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002  
(Proposition 50)

LOS ANGELES RIVER HEADWATERS PHASE 1

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State of California Resources Agency require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to State; and

WHEREAS, if Los Angeles County Flood Control District (hereinafter referred to as DISTRICT) is selected for a grant award, DISTRICT will execute an Agreement with the State of California to carry out the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Los Angeles River Headwaters Phase 1 Project; and
2. Certifies that DISTRICT understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that DISTRICT will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Los Angeles River Headwaters Phase 1 project consistent with the land tenure requirements; and
4. Certifies that DISTRICT will comply with applicable provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 funds; and



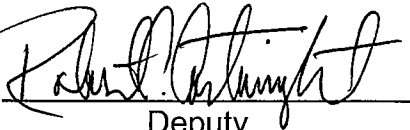
On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy